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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit herewith information of which they are aware, and which they believe may be material to the examination of the application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The information is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign and non-patent documents are attached.

The following table provides information about terminal disclaimers in a particular set of patents held by the assignee relating to U.S. Patent No. 5,841,978.

| Application No. | Status | TD filed re |
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| 08/508,083 | now patent 5,841,978 | <none> |
| 09/464,307 | now patent 6,286,036 | 5,841,978 |
| 09/342,689 | now patent 6,311,214 | 5,841,978 |
| 09/130,624 | now patent 6,324,573 | 5,841,978 |
| 09/408,902 | now patent 6,408,331 | 5,841,978, 09/130,624 (now 6,324,573) and 09/464,307 (now 6,286,036) |
| 09/895,748 | now patent 6,542,927 | 5,841,978, 6,311,214, and 6,324,573 |
| 09/941,243 | now patent 7,058,697 | 5,841,978, 6,324,573 and 6,286,036 |
| 11/265,544 | NOA 4/08 | 7,058,697 |

Regarding the above, Applicant provides the following information about art applied by the Office. Independent claims in 7,058,697 were earlier rejected over EP 493,091 and 5,315,098. Independent claims in 6,542,927 were earlier rejected over EP 493,091, 5,613,004 and 5,848,413. Independent claims in 6,324,573 were earlier rejected over EP 493,091. Independent claims in 6,311,214 were earlier rejected over 5,848,413 and 5,841,978. Independent claims in 6,286,036 were earlier rejected over 5,613,004, 5,782,692 and 5,848,413. Independent claims in 5,841,978 were earlier rejected over 5,530,852 and 5,613,004. (The noted art was found in a review of Amendments and other responses submitted by the assignee to the Office, rather than a review of Office Actions.)

Additionally, 7,051,086 claims priority to 5,841,978. Independent claims in 7,051,086 were earlier rejected over EP 493,091 and 5,978,773.

Additional matters having terminal disclaimers that relate to the matters in table 1 and directly or indirectly to 5,841,978 are provided below.

| Application No. | Status | TD filed re |
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| 09/314,648 | now patent 6,681,028 | 6,311,214 |
| 09/563,664 | now patent 6,505,160 | 5,841,978 |
| 09/679,262 | now patent 6,965,873 | 6,324,573 and 6,286,036 |
| 09/545,174 | now patent 6,775,392 | 5,841,978 (also 6,122,403) |
| 09/560,976 | now patent 6,553,129 | 5,841,978 (also 6,122,403) |
| 10/118,653 | now patent 6,917,724 | 6,311,214 (also 6,122,403) |
| 10/118,847 | now patent 6,694,043 | 6,311,214 and 6,542,927 (also 6,522,770 and application 10/118,653 <6,917,724>) |

The following table provides information about terminal disclaimers in related to patents and applications of assignee related to wireless/cellular telephones. These terminal disclaimers were identified with reference to cases that claim priority to 08/637,531, which is assignee's priority application that included disclosure on wireless telephony embodiments cited in the chart supporting the priority claim in this application.

| Application No. | Status | TD filed re |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 08/637,531 | now patent 5,822,436 | Application 08/438,159 (42762, 5,850,481); |
| 09/172,324 | now patent 6,064,737 | <none> |
| 09/339,314 | now patent 6,278,781 | 6,064,737 |
| 09/479,304 | pending | <none> |
| 09/924,281 | now patent 7,362,781 | 6,064,737 and application 09/339,314 (52994, 6,278,781) |
| 10/177,650 | abandoned | |
| 11/670,841 | pending | |
| 11/875,551 | pending | |

Regarding the above, Applicants provide the following information about art applied by the Office. Claims in 6,278,781 were earlier rejected over Moskowitz et al. 5,745,569. Claims in 09/479,304 include rejections over Reeds 5,204,902, Hopper (3,406,344), Lee (5,687,191) and Jones (3,586,781). Claims in 7,362,781 were rejected over Lee (5,822,360), Johnson (5,872,531), Gilhousen (5,103,459), Jensen (5,764,763), and Cooperman (5,613,004), among others. Claims in 11/670,841 (2007-0189533) have been rejected over Konno (5,392,356), Cooperman (5,613,004), and Rhoads (5,850,481), among others. The Office is understood to have the file histories for the above matters. If copies for any particular Actions are desired, Applicants can supply them.

This information disclosure statement is being filed after the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits and before the first mailing date of Final Office Action (37 C.F.R. § 1.113), or Notice of Allowance (37 C.F.R. § 1.311).

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